

Mules in Demand

Henry C. Sparks, president of the Mule Dealers' Association at the St. Louis National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, composed of all the mule dealers at the yards, yesterday explained why the mule dealers were holding almost 5000 mules in their barns, instead of selling them at the fairly good prices which now prevail. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the mule dealers expect that repairing of high-water damage in the Southern States along the Mississippi River will take all available mules for the reconstruction of the destroyed levees and washed-out railroad tracks in the flooded districts.

Although farmers are making good bids for mules to complete their belated farm work, the mule men prefer to hold them for the increased prices which they are certain the Southern demand within the next few months will bring. They expect the cry for mules for the South to begin before fall, which is the time farmers sell their mules and send them to the St. Louis market.

Mule dealers already have definite information that the Southern Railroad contractors will grab up every available mule for work in reconstructing their flood-damaged roadbeds. Another factor, they say, which will tend to increase the demand for mules this summer is that more miles of good roads will be constructed this year than ever before in the history of the country.—Globe-Democrat.

Reward for Long Service

As a reward for faithful service, the management of the Missouri-Pacific-Iron Mountain Railroad has decided to issue annual passes to employees who have worked for that company fifteen years or longer.

About 1500 employees will receive these passes, including Agents, Conductors, Engineers, Brakemen, Train Baggage men, Firemen, Switchmen, Hostlers, Telegraphers, Bridge & Fencing men and Section Foremen.

The rules covering the extension of this courtesy to employees are: For fifteen years continuous service an employee receives annual transportation for himself over the division on which he is employed for twenty years continuous service an annual pass for himself and wife over the division, and after twenty-five years continuous service annual transportation for himself and wife over the entire Missouri-Pacific-Iron Mountain System of nearly 7200 miles.

R. W. Waters, a conductor on a suburban train running out of St. Louis, is now in his 52d year of continuous employment. Beginning work for the Missouri Pacific before the Civil War, he has not changed employers, and is the oldest man in point of service on the entire system. He will receive a system pass for himself and wife. John Cook, and his son, C. W. Cook, both employed on the Central Kansas Division as passenger engineers, under the 25 years of service ruling are entitled to annual passes for themselves and wives.

In the territory from St. Louis south to the Arkansas State line and from St. Louis west to Kansas City considerably more than 500 men are affected. From Kansas City west, taking in the state of Kansas, something over 500 names will be distributed, while in Arkansas and Louisiana about 300 employees will benefit by this courtesy.

Answer to Letter

Editor Republican: Please allow me to offer a little friendly criticism to the article by Mr. Cox in a recent issue of your valuable paper.

I have had much the experience of hardship in this beautiful God-given world as described by Mr. Cox, but in all my hardships I have with the sinners and ungodly and rolled in under my tongue as a sweet morsel, and never put myself in the way of the Christian until I was fast going to the bad. Like Mr. Cox I was in destitute circumstances and no relief came from my boon companion. But when the way seemed the darkest I chanced to attend an evening Sunday School. The superintendent knew me by reputation as one of the bad boys of the country, but I asked him for a job of work. He gave it to me and I lived with this good family for five years and by their influence I became a Christian and I have never looked upon this as a cruel world but my life has been just what I have made it. And I find the Christian people of Saline county are always ready to help



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the down and out man or boy if he puts himself in line for help and makes himself in any degree worthy of it. From the time I affiliated myself with the Christian people I got along nicely and I found this world a beautiful place to be in. Later in life when I had a family to support my health failed me and I spent what I had traveling and changing climates to regain my health and being hundreds of miles from dear old Saline county I wrote to a practical Christian man of my condition and told him I wanted to get back if anything I could do with my delicate health to make an honest living. He came to my relief by return mail and said, "Come on, I will make a way for you." He died and for fifteen years I was agent and manager for this good Christian family having the power of attorney to transact their business for them and I know the Christian people of Marshall and Saline county are ready to better the condition of every down and out man who will put himself in line for help.

But remember God does not require the Christian people to care for those who will not work. St. Paul said, "They who will not work neither let them eat." God does not do for us what we can do for ourselves, not does he expect the Christian to. If Mr. Cox will look up statistics and learn of the orphan homes founded and supported by the Christian people from all over this beautiful world, he will see they are pretty well filling their mission and if any one is overlooked it is more likely to be their own fault than the fault of the Christian.

Mr. Cox article is very good but I think it leaves the wrong impression regarding Christian charity, hence this letter. J. M. M.

A Narrow Escape

Miss Lucile McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McClure near Hughesville, escaped serious if not fatal injury in a miraculous manner during an electrical storm Saturday.

Miss McClure was standing near a window and had stooped over a chair on which was hanging a coat.

A bolt of lightning struck a large tree standing some distance from the house shattering it.

A large fragment of the tree was hurled through the window passing just over Miss McClure's shoulders and struck the opposite wall of the room with great force. Had Miss McClure been standing erect, the fragment of the tree would undoubtedly have struck her, causing great injury and possibly death.—Houston's.

Fast Corn Planting

Arthur Osborne was here Friday from south of town and declared that M. C. Snyder can plant corn faster than anyone else in Saline. A four-year old mule and 24-year horse hitched to a corn planter became scared at some dogs Wednesday of last week and ran away. They followed the long row along the hedge to the end, going at a furious gait and never missing a hill. If this is found practical it wouldn't be a bad idea to keep it up a few days in planting time.

Clubbed Wolf to Death

A. H. Orr, of near Salt Springs brought a wolf scalp to Marshall Saturday morning for a bounty. He said as he was passing the McKeever place he noticed the wolf caught in a wire fence and after securing a good club beat him to death. The wolf had gotten some hedge brush woven into its tail so that it was caught in the fence and in trying to get out had wrapped its tail around still tighter. The tail was nearly worn off and the wolf exhausted.

When told about the wolf, Joe Hamill said he had seen it in passing there but that he didn't stop as it looked like only a fox to him. Someone then suggested that the wolf may have looked like a lion to him at the time the reason he didn't stop — and who wouldn't move on if a lion is near?

Mr. Orr had come to attend the Republican county committee meeting and when it was found that he had a wolf scalp to his credit he was drafted for the office of Sheriff, requiring a filing fee of \$5.00. Now he's sorry!

Card of Thanks

The children and relatives of Mrs. P. L. Atchey request us to thank the friends who so kindly assisted them in the death and burial of deceased. Also for the beautiful flowers sent.

Are You Seeking a Farm

On May 25th there will be an exceptional opportunity to secure a choice irrigated farm on the Belle Fourche irrigation project in South Dakota. Nearly one hundred farms, each containing from 40 to 80 acres of irrigable land will be opened to entry on that date for homesteaders under the homestead and reclamation laws.

Here is an excellent chance for the man with a capital of \$1800 to \$3600 to secure a piece of land which will support a family in comfort in a region where climate and soil are both adapted to various kinds of agriculture. The Reclamation law provides that the Government shall construct the necessary engineering works for the irrigation of its lands. When these works are ready to supply water, the farms are opened to entry for any qualified citizen of the country and upon very easy terms. All details concerning the methods of filing, the terms of water right, and the conditions of residence may be learned by addressing either the Statistician of the Reclamation Service at Washington, D. C., or the Settlement Agent, 802 Federal Building, Chicago, Ill. The Belle Fourche valley is one of the most attractive sections of South Dakota.

It is situated north and northeast of the famous Black Hills mining region, has good transportation facilities and is already a well settled country with cities, towns and villages, excellent schools and churches. The Government has invested more than \$3,000,000 in constructing an elaborate irrigation system to reclaim 100,000 acres, and invites industrious citizens to establish homes thereon.

Missouri Pacific Wreck.

Missouri Pacific passenger No. 1 was wrecked Sunday noon near Berger, Franklin county, and the engineer, J. R. Linabary, of Sedalia, killed and 18 persons injured. There were 150 passengers on the train, who received a severe shaking up. A piece of soft track caused the engine to leave the rails. The engineer reversed his engine and in this way saved most of the cars from piling upon each other. H. W. Kolkmeier, of Jefferson City, who has done considerable contracting here, was among the injured, but his injuries are only bad bruises.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barcelona, writes, "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by P. H. Franklin.

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of administration on the estate of HENRY I. BLOSSER, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 12th day of May, 1912, by the Probate Court of Saline County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

LOUIE BLOSSER,
Administrator of the estate of Henry I. Blosser.
First insertion, May 10th, 1912. 4t

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Rufus W. Eddy, deceased, that I, Osmond Eddy, Administrator of said estate, intend to make Final Settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Saline County, Missouri, to be held at the Court House in said County on the 1st Monday of June, 1912.

OSMOND EDDY, Admr.
First insertion April 26th, 1912. 4t

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Charles Pittmann, deceased, that I, John Fredrick Pittmann, Executor of said estate, intend to make Final Settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Saline County, Missouri, to be held at the Court House in said County on the 1st Monday of June, 1912.

JOHN FREDRICK PITTMANN, Exr.
First insertion April 26, 1912. 4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of William M. Treece, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 15th day of April, 1912, by the Probate Court of Saline County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

JOHN H. TREECE, Adm.
First insertion, April 26th, 1912. 4t

Sheriff's Sale

By virtue and authority of a special execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Saline County, Missouri, returnable at the May Term, 1912, of said court and to me directed in favor of Daniel Bixler and against Ernest E. Elson, Katherine C. Elson, his wife, A. B. Hoy, Trustee, John F. Burroughs, William T. Diggs, Watson Diggs, W. C. Brickey, George H. Alt-house, Morris Silvers, Progress Printing Company, a corporation, George A. Parker, William R. Krumman, E. W. Dawes, and C. A. Fruthe, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of the said Ernest E. Elson, Katherine C. Elson, his wife, A. B. Hoy, Trustee, John F. Burroughs, William T. Diggs, Watson Diggs, W. C. Brickey, George H. Alt-house, Morris Silvers, Progress Printing Company, a corporation, George A. Parker, William R. Krumman, E. W. Dawes, and C. A. Fruthe, in and to the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

All interest in Lots Nos. Ten, Eleven and Twelve, in Block No. Ten, in College addition to the City of Marshall, and an undivided one-fourth interest in and to Lot No. Five, in Block No. Twenty-three, in the original Town (now City) of Marshall, all lying and being in the said County, and State of Missouri; and will, on Monday the 27th day of May A. D. 1912 (it being the Seventh day of the Circuit Court of said County between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court House door, in the city of Marshall, County of Saline, aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

ED H. HAYNIK,
Sheriff of Saline County, Mo.
NOTE—The purchasers of the above described real estate from Ernest E. Elson, assume the payment of the debt due Daniel Bixler and by reason of their default, said real estate is to be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weber, of near Sweet Springs, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Wednesday of last week by inviting a goodly number of their friends.

Mrs. Jacob Staffens of Blackburn, says the Thalbots, is still very sick.

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